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SUBJECT: TEXTILES

REF: HONG KONG 15702

1. US TEXTILE DEL PLANS TO VISIT HONG KONG DURING WEEK OF
JAN. 16, 1978, PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS EA SYSTEM, CATEGORY 120,
AND ANY PROBLEM THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH
NEW AGREEMENT AND NEW CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM. THIS
VISIT WAS DISCUSSED WITH AND CONCURRED IN BY PETER TSAO
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IN GENEVA; IT REPRESENTS CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSIONS ON EA
SYSTEM BEGUN LAST JUNE DURING NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENT.

2. EXACT SCHEDULE FOR US DEL TRAVEL IS BEING SENT TO
CONGEN BY SEPTTEL; TEAM ANTICIPATES ARRIVING IN HONG KONG
ON JAN. 18 AND USING PERIOD JAN. 18-20 FOR TALKS. JAN 30
AND FEB. 13 PRESENT SCHEDULING CONFLICTS FOR TEAM.

3. SIDE LETTER REFERRED TO IS LETTER FROM CHIEF US NEGOTIATOR TO PETER TSAO, REPEATING STATEMENTS MADE DURING NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT, TO EFFECT THAT IF US FEELS ITSELF

TO BE IN AN INEQUITABLE POSITION VIS-A-VIS THIRD COUNTRY AS RESULT HONG KONG NEGOTIATIONS, IT WOULD VIEW THAT AS GROUNDS FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER GENERAL CONSULTATION PROVISION OF AGREEMENT. HONG KONG'S TSAO ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER; HE HAD ALL ALONG STATED THAT ANY QUESTION TOUCHING ON AGREEMENT COULD BE BROUGHT UP UNDER GENERAL CONSULTATION CLAUSE.

4. DURING MFA RENEWAL MEETINGS IN GENEVA DURING DECEMBER 1977, TSAO WAS WARNED THAT US MIGHT BE FORCED TO SEEK RENEGOTIATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF US-HK AGREEMENT IF HK HAD GIVEN TOO MUCH TO EC. DECISION TO SEEK RENEGOTIATION OR ADJUSTMENT, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN, AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO COVER THIS MATTER DURING JANUARY CONSULTATIONS ALTHOUGH WE MAY WISH TO USE OCCASION OF VISIT TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON EC/HK BILATERAL TO FACILITATE USG ANALYSIS. RESULTS OF EC-HK NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE ANALYZED BEFORE WE WOULD EVEN BE IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY DECISION ON RENEGOTIATION OR ADJUSTMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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